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Sir:

Consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Upon review of this application file after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, dated November 26, 2003, it has come to the undersigned's attention that the Amendment filed October 15, 2003 erroneously indicated that independent claims 1 and 13 recite that a magnification of the projection system is not equal to one. Claims 1 and 13 clearly do not include this limitation. In addition, this limitation was not the basis of the arguments set forth in the October 15, 2003 Amendment and is irrelevant to the patentability of claims 1 and 13.

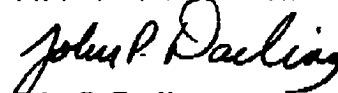
It is further noted that dependent claims 19 and 21 recite that the magnification of the projection system is not equal to one, making even more clear that the independent claims are not so limited. This distinguishing feature of dependent claims 19 and 21 was noted on page 11, lines 22-27, of the October 15, 2003 Amendment.

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The Applicants have submitted this paper merely to clarify any ambiguities in the record. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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